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Key Quote

We came here to give you those freedoms, and to protect them as we help you build your own democratic future for your country. Our task is to ensure that the fragile, and hard-won freedoms that you are now starting to enjoy are not removed by elements of the old regime who continue to attack you, to attack us, and to attack the services vital to you – electricity, water, and healthcare. When they attack these targets, these renegades are attacking the Iraqi people. We will not rest until these criminals are dealt with.

In recent days, my colleagues and I have been working with many Iraqis from all over the country to quicken the march towards political responsibility for Iraqis. All of Iraq's main cities, and dozens of other towns, now have administrative councils. Within two weeks, the new Iraqi Governing Council will be established. And shortly thereafter, we will launch the process to write a new Iraqi Constitution. This will be your new constitution: written by Iraqis, debated by Iraqis and approved by Iraqis. It will not be written by Americans or British or anyone else.

Once a new constitution has been approved, Iraq's new Government will be chosen by Iraq's first democratic, free and fair elections. At that point, the coalition's job will be done.

To ensure that Iraq and Iraqis remain free – now and after the Coalition leaves - we need to ensure that the Ba'athist regime is truly finished . Not every member of the former Ba'athist party should lose their job. Far from it. I recognize that the majority of Ba'ath party members were forced to join the party to feed their families or get a job.

The Deba'athifcation Policy which I announced on 15 May makes clear that only those in the top four tiers of the Ba'ath Party, or in the top three tiers of management in public offices, are susceptible to losing their job. That has not changed. So there is no reason to fear for you future, if you were a Ba'ath Party member, but not in the Party's top ranks.

Amb Bremer, Address to the Iraqi People, 3 July

Reward for information about Saddam Hussein, Uday Hussein and Qusay Hussein

The United States Government is offering a reward of up to \$25 Million Dollars for information leading to the capture of Saddam Hussein, or information that he is already dead.

Rewards of up to \$15 million dollars each are offered for information leading to the capture of his sons Uday Hussein and Qusay Hussein, or information that they are already dead.

These rewards are being offered as part of the rewards for justice program of the U.S Department of State.

Anyone with information may contact the office of the Administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority or any U.S military commander here in Iraq, any U.S embassy or consulate, or the Department of State or send an e-mail to mail@rewardsforjustice.net or call 1800877 3927

Key Messages

- Coalition Forces continue to robustly patrol lraq to eliminate crimes against people and property, rid populated areas of weapons, ammunition and explosives, and stop the black market trade in fuel and other commodities.
- Coalition Forces continue to conduct joint security patrols with Iraqi police in their efforts to increase the professionalism of the police force and prepare them for their role in a selfgoverned Iraq.
- Our task now is to help the Iraqis rebuild their economy.
- Economic team are working hard on a number of initiatives which will help get the economy going, and provide some much-needed jobs.
- After decades of manipulation and mismanagement, the road to a free and flourishing economy will not be an easy one. But we've already taken one big step: which was the ending of sanctions.

Key Quote

We are keeping a very careful watch for Iranian undue influence in this country. There are several factors which, which militate against the, the Iranians having, having the capacity to exercise power here. There is a strong difference between Iraqis and Iranians dating back to the, the war of the 1980s.

Also there is a very strong difference of approach amongst the Shia community in Iraq from that of the one in Iraq. There's been a very strong view that in order to avoid the nightmare that they've gone through for the last thirty five years the, the, the system of Government here in, in Iraq has to represent the full diversity of the country, it has to have checks and balances. It can't be one community or one group and least of all one man dominating the entire country.

So I think there is a, there is a prevailing moderation, moderate sentiment across the community. Yes there are radicals, yes there are hot heads, yes there are, are wild eyes sermons in some of the mosques, but they don't strike a chord with the majority of the Shia community let alone the majority of Iraqis as a whole **John Sawers**, Newsnight, 30 June